

REMARKS

This communication is an amendment filed under 37 CFR 41.33 (a) (after the date of filing an appeal and prior to the date the appeal brief is to be filed). *MPEP 1206*. Claims 14 and 30-34 are amended, claim 10 is canceled, and no claims are added. Amendments to claims 14 and 30-32 are made to comply with the requirements of form that were set forth in the Final Office Action. (*See MPEP 1206(I)(B)*). Amendments to claims 33-34 are made to present the rejected claims in better form for consideration on appeal. (*See MPEP 1206(I)(C)*). No new matter has been included as a result of the amendments to claims 14 and 30-34. As a result, claims 1-9 and 11-34 are now pending in this application.

Interview Summary

Applicant thanks Examiner Jennifer To for the courtesy of a telephone interview on January 6, 2009 with Applicant's representative Ram P. Menon.

§112 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 14-16 and 30-34 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, for indefiniteness. Applicant has amended claims 14, and 30-34 to clarify the language of these claims. Applicant respectfully requests that the rejections to these claims under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, be removed and that claims 14-16 and 30-34 be allowed.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance, and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's representative at (612) 373-6909 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

Respectfully submitted,

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